



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

State Of New Hampshire - Office of State Planning, NH

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the State of New Hampshire Office of State Planning, New Hampshire Coastal Program, supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot and additional funding for assessments at brownfields properties to be used for greenspace purposes. The watershed is in southeastern coastal New Hampshire and encompasses many small towns that grew up around textile and manufacturing mills on watershed rivers. Mills in many town centers were abandoned as manufacturing jobs moved from the area, but communities have experienced population growth along the coast and are struggling to preserve the region's environmental resources. Their success depends on reusing and redeveloping existing urbanized areas rather than developing greenfields along the coast.

The original Pilot conducted site assessments at four properties and developed cleanup plans for three of the sites. Supplemental assistance will be used to carry out a Phase II environmental assessment and evaluate a cleanup approach for the Craig Supply site in Durham, a highly contaminated property at which a Phase I assessment was conducted during the original Pilot. Supplemental assistance also will be used to extend the brownfields program inventory to include industrial properties in municipalities in the uplands of the coastal watershed. Some supplemental assistance funds will be used to assess upland sites that have reuse potential.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The State of New Hampshire will use the supplemental assistance grant to complete environmental assessments and cleanup planning at Durham's Craig Supply site. The site was used as a dry cleaner supply company and is located in the middle of the University of New Hampshire's campus. Reuse of the property is needed to improve transportation and parking and provide space for light commercial enterprises.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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Amount: \$ 150,000

Greenspace: \$50,000

Profile: The Pilot will target one site from the original Pilot in Durham for further assessment and cleanup planning, assess additional brownfields in upland coastal communities, and assess a site in Dover for reuse as a recreational park.

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Greenspace funding will be used to assess a 32-acre junkyard and metal industrial site that is not suitable for industrial or commercial redevelopment because it is in a rural residential neighborhood of Dover. Dover acquired this site to protect a nearby public water supply. The objective of the greenspace funding is to overcome the environmental barriers that prevent reuse of the site as a recreational park.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting a Phase II environmental assessment at Craig Supply site in Durham;
- Preparing a cleanup plan for the Craig Supply site;
- Identifying and assessing additional brownfields in 25 upland municipalities not previously targeted in the original Pilot; and
- Conducting an assessment of a 32-acre former junkyard in Dover in an effort to reuse the site as a recreational park.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.